

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT;  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE EXPENSE OF THE FORTY-EIGHTH  
LEGISLATURE, FIRST SESSION, 2007 AND FOR OTHER LEGISLATIVE  
EXPENSES, INCLUDING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SERVICE, THE  
LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE, THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY  
COMMITTEE, THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE, THE HOUSE CHIEF CLERK'S  
OFFICE AND THE SENATE CHIEF CLERK'S OFFICE; DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. SESSION EXPENSES.--

A. There is appropriated for the expense of the legislative department of the state of New Mexico for the first session of the forty-eighth legislature for per diem and mileage of its members, for salaries of employees and for other expenses of the legislature, seven million eight hundred seventy-four thousand one hundred dollars (\$7,874,100) or so much thereof as may be necessary for such purposes.

B. The expenditures referred to in Subsection A of this section are as follows:

- (1) per diem for senators ----- \$ 357,850;
- (2) per diem for members of the house of  
representatives ----- \$ 596,400;
- (3) mileage traveled by members of the

senate going to and returning from the seat of government by the usually traveled route, one round trip ----- \$ 6,000;

(4) mileage traveled by members of the house of representatives going to and returning from the seat of government by the usually traveled route, one round trip -----  
----- \$ 9,100;

(5) salaries and employee benefits of senate employees ----- \$ 2,506,682;

(6) salaries and employee benefits of house of representatives employees ----- \$ 2,097,200;

(7) for expense of the senate not itemized above, five hundred seventy-two thousand eight hundred sixty-eight dollars (\$572,868). No part of this item may be transferred to salaries or employee benefits;

(8) for expense of the house of representatives not itemized above, five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred dollars (\$525,600). No part of this item may be transferred to salaries or employee benefits; and

(9) for session expenses of the legislative council service, the joint billroom and mailroom and joint legislative switchboard, one million two hundred two thousand four hundred dollars (\$1,202,400) to be disbursed upon vouchers signed by the director of the legislative council service.

C. The expenditures for the senate shall be

disbursed on vouchers signed by the chair of the committees' committee and the chief clerk of the senate or the chief clerk's designee. The expenditures for the house of representatives shall be disbursed on vouchers signed by the speaker and chief clerk of the house or the chief clerk's designee. Following adjournment of the session, expenditures authorized pursuant to Paragraphs (1) through (8) of Subsection B of this section shall be disbursed upon vouchers signed by the director of the legislative council service or the director's designee.

D. Under the printing contracts entered into for the first session of the forty-eighth legislature, the chair of the committees' committee of the senate, subject to the approval of the committee, and the speaker of the house of representatives are authorized and directed to provide for the printing of all bills, resolutions, joint resolutions, memorials and joint memorials introduced in the senate or house, the printing of the weekly bill locator and the printing of all necessary stationery required for use in the respective houses. They are further directed to provide for the purchase of all supplies necessary for use in the respective houses within the appropriation provided. The orders for printing, stationery and supplies shall be approved by the chair of the committees' committee for the senate and by the speaker for the house.

Section 2. BILLS AND OTHER PRINTED MATERIALS.--

A. For the first session of the forty-eighth legislature, bills, resolutions, joint resolutions, memorials and joint memorials delivered to the printer shall be returned by the printer to the joint billroom within forty-two hours after they are ordered to be printed. The billroom personnel shall supply a complete file of bills, resolutions, joint resolutions, memorials, joint memorials and other printed distribution materials to the following:

(1) one copy to each member of the house of representatives and senate;

(2) one copy to each county clerk, district judge, radio or television station and newspaper and to the general library of each state-supported institution of higher learning;

(3) upon written request, one copy to each state department, commission, board, institution or agency, each elected state official, each incorporated municipality, each district attorney, each ex-governor, each member of the New Mexico congressional delegation and each public school district in the state; and

(4) if requested, one copy to two other addresses specified by each individual member of the legislature.

B. Any person not listed in Subsection A of this

section may secure a complete file of the bills, resolutions, joint resolutions, memorials and joint memorials of the legislature by depositing with the legislative council service the amount of seven hundred dollars (\$700), which deposit shall be paid to the state treasurer to the credit of the legislative expense fund. Additional single copies of items of legislation shall be sold for two dollars (\$2.00) unless the director of the legislative council service shall, because of its length, assign a higher price not to exceed ten cents (\$.10) per page. Copies of a daily bill locator, other than those copies furnished each member of the respective houses, shall be supplied by the legislative council service at a charge of two hundred thirty dollars (\$230) for the entire session.

Section 3. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SERVICE.--There is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative council service for fiscal year 2008 unless otherwise indicated, to be disbursed on vouchers signed by the director of the legislative council service or the director's designee, the following:

A. Personal Services &	
Employee Benefits	\$ 4,132,600
Contractual Services	189,000
Other Costs	1,101,700
Total	\$ 5,423,300;

B. for travel expenses of legislators other than New Mexico legislative council members, on legislative council business, for committee travel, studies, staff and other necessary expenses for other interim committees and for other necessary legislative expenses for fiscal year 2008, one million thirty-six thousand dollars (\$1,036,000); provided that the New Mexico legislative council may transfer amounts from the appropriation in this subsection, during the fiscal year for which appropriated, to any other legislative appropriation where they may be needed;

C. for pre-session expenditures and for necessary contracts, furniture, equipment, supplies and personnel for interim session preparation, five hundred fifty-two thousand three hundred dollars (\$552,300); and

D. for a statewide legislative intern program, forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000).

Section 4. LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE.--There is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative finance committee for fiscal year 2008, to be disbursed on vouchers signed by the chair of the committee or the chair's designated representative, the following:

Personal Services &	
Employee Benefits	\$ 3,335,100
Contractual Services	256,600
Other Costs	384,700

Total \$ 3,976,400.

Section 5. LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE.--

There is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative education study committee for fiscal year 2008, to be disbursed on vouchers signed by the chair of the committee or the chair's designated representative, the following:

Personal Services &	
Employee Benefits	\$ 1,019,600
Contractual Services	25,000
Other Costs	151,000
Total	\$ 1,195,600.

Section 6. SENATE RULES COMMITTEE.--There is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative council service for the interim duties of the senate rules committee, twenty-one thousand six hundred dollars (\$21,600) for fiscal year 2008.

Section 7. HOUSE CHIEF CLERK.--There is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative council service for expenditure in fiscal year 2008 for the operation of the house chief clerk's office, to be disbursed on vouchers signed by the director of the legislative council service, the following:

Personal Services &	
Employee Benefits	\$ 893,800
Contractual Services	141,600

Other Costs	58,400
Total	\$ 1,093,800.

Section 8. SENATE CHIEF CLERK.--There is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative council service for expenditure in fiscal year 2008 for the operation of the senate chief clerk's office, to be disbursed on vouchers signed by the director of the legislative council service, the following:

Personal Services &	
Employee Benefits	\$ 851,150
Contractual Services	190,650
Other Costs	64,200
Total	\$ 1,106,000.

Section 9. LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION SYSTEM.--There is appropriated from legislative cash balances to the legislative council service for the legislative information system four hundred seventy-eight thousand nine hundred dollars (\$478,900) for expenditure during fiscal years 2007 and 2008.

Section 10. CATEGORY TRANSFER.--Amounts set out in Sections 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8 of this act are provided for informational purposes only and may be freely transferred among categories.

Section 11. PERFORMANCE MEASURES.--Each legislative agency shall adhere to the performance measures specified in its strategic plan and shall make reports as required in that

plan.

Section 12. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public  
peace, health and safety that this act take effect  
immediately.

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